

Page 14, lines 3-9, delete current paragraph and insert therefore:

In Fig. 4, an annular recess 80 having the width of L is formed in the opening 6b of the sleeve fitting hole 6a of the inner peripheral wall of the center cylindrical portion 20 so as to relieve the press fitting force of the sleeve body 9. There is also provided with another annular recess 26 or recess, similar to that of the first embodiment, formed in the inside portion of the inner peripheral wall of the center cylindrical portion 20 (away from the opening 6b of the sleeve fitting hole 6a).

Page 14, lines 10-13, delete current paragraph and insert therefore:

The annular recess 80 has the width L which is not smaller than the total length m of the thickness of the annular member 10 and the thickness of the counterplate 11 ($L \geq m$) which are positioned in the annular stepped portion 8 of the sleeve body 9.

Page 14, lines 14-24, delete current paragraph and insert therefore:

The length m as the total thickness of the annular member 10 and the counterplate 11 is equal to the depth of the portion of the sleeve body 9 into which those members are fitted. In other words, such portion of the sleeve body 9 into which the annular member 10 and the counterplate 11 are inserted (The portion will be referred to as an annular member fitting portion 81, and corresponding thereto, the recess 80 is formed in the opening 6b of the sleeve fitting hole 6a.) has a small thickness, and is likely to greatly deform the annular member fitting portion. The recess 80 formed in the opening 6b of the sleeve fitting hole 6a for corresponding to the annular member fitting portion 81 is capable of relieving the pressure force of the sleeve body 9 and preventing generation of the deformation.

Page 14, line 25 - page 15, line 9, delete current paragraph and insert therefore:

Like the first embodiment, the annular recess 26 is provided with this embodiment. When inserting the sleeve body 9 into the hole (sleeve fitting hole 6a) of the flange assembly unit 51 for integrating both members, the area of the contact portion therebetween is reduced.

This may reduce the whole pressure force acting on the contact portion, and the deformation of the inner diameter portion 7a of the sleeve body 9 caused by press fitting thereof can be decreased. As a result, the respective configurations of the inner diameter portion 7a of the sleeve body 9 and the flange body 6 can be prevented from being deformed. The area of the contact portion between the sleeve body 9 and the flange body 6 is further reduced owing to the recess 80, further contributing to the suppression of the deformation of the inner diameter portion 7a of the sleeve body 9 and the flange body 6.

Page 15, lines 10-12, delete current paragraph and insert therefore:

Although the fourth embodiment employs the recess 80 that is annularly configured, the configuration is not limited, and at least one arch-shaped cut off may be formed.

Page 15, lines 16-17, delete current paragraph and insert therefore:

In the fourth embodiment employing the annular recess 26, it may be eliminated and provide a recess 80 only as a recess.

Page 16, lines 8-14, delete current paragraph and insert therefore:

According to the fifth aspect of the present invention, as the respective portions corresponding to the flange body and the sleeve body in any one of the first to the forth aspects are formed in one-piece, deformation caused by the press fitting of the sleeve, which has been experienced in the conventional art can be prevented. As a result, the process for press fitting the sleeve into the flange body can be eliminated, which has been required in the conventional art, thus improving the productivity.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4, 6, 8-10 and 13-14 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.